



Co-operative Energy Ltd

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Minutes of the Board Meeting of Co-operative Energy Ltd held at 11 North Wharf, The Docklands on 1 February 1995

Directors present: Graeme Charles (Chairperson), David Griffiths (Secretary), John Dick and Bill McPherson

Apologies: Tony Gill and Ian Pearce

1. Resolved to confirm the minutes of the last meeting and compliment the Secretary on their preparation.
2. Resolved to reimburse on application the traveling and associated expenses of Directors in attending meetings of the Board on receipt of claims and specific Board approval of claims for associated expenses.
3. Resolved that until further review the reimbursement rate for travel expenses be set at 20c a km.
4. Resolved that Ian Pearce's claim of 31 January 1995 be paid at the rate of 20c per km for meetings on 11 June, 29 July, 12 and 29 September 1994 totaling 3226 km and \$645.20.
5. Resolved that following the Frankston public meetings on the co-operative option for United Energy to continue resourcing the initiative through convening the Co-operative Feasibility Steering Committee, meeting with interested workers from United Energy, preparing a pamphlet for circulation throughout the United Energy distribution area, follow-up the initial contacts with area business and community groups, organizing further public meetings and request the OSOE to provide 100 copies of the Government's December 1994 statement on electricity reform.
6. Resolved that a Decision Registrar be established and maintained by the Secretary.
7. Resolved that the Correspondence Report format prepared by the Secretary for this meeting be endorsed incorporating date of origin, the recipient, title, address and subject.
8. Resolved to endorse the decision of the Secretary to purchase a Seal for \$20.
9. Resolved to authorize the Secretary to purchase a stamp with the name and address of the co-operative.
10. Resolved to endorse the policy statement **Becoming Cooperative and Empowered** and that the Secretary and Chairperson have the authority to finalize the content.
11. Resolved to endorse the policy statement **Electric Retreat Disempowers Consumers** and that the Secretary and Chairperson have the authority to finalize the content.
12. Resolved that the Secretary purchase a copy of the Co-operation Act 1981 and Regulations.
13. Resolved that an Electric Co-operative Information Kit be prepared for all members of the Victorian Parliament and that a draft be presented to the next Board meeting on 6 March 1995 with a costing for its production.
14. Resolved that business cards be printed for all members of the Board at a maximum cost

of \$200.

15. Resolved that the following electric co-operative videos be transferred and copied for a total cost of \$180 - Bolivia: Light In The Mountain, The Do-It-Yourself Home Energy Check-Up, A Blueprint That Makes Good Cents, The CFC Story, The Power of the Golden Triangle and Arkansas.

16. Resolved that the following U.S.A. co-operative material be purchased - American Cooperation (\$U.S. 36.50), Ruralite subscription (\$U.S. 18), Jemco News (\$U.S. 11.50), Current Living (\$U.S. 15), National Cooperative Business Association various publications and video The Spirit of Co-operation \$U.S. 120, National Rural Water Association back issues of Rural Water \$ U.S. 14 and NRECA 18 practical guides for rural economic development x 2 and the report on rural water for \$U.S. 160.

17. Resolved that the following ink supplies be purchased for a total cost of \$174.80 - Buckeye Jet Ink x 2, Ecojet, HP 51633A Print Cartridge x 2.

18. Resolved to endorse the business plan directions report prepared by the Secretary and compliment the Secretary on its preparation.

Bill McPherson and John Dick declared an interest in resolution 19 and did not vote.

19. Resolved that Bill McPherson and John Dick present a proposal to the Board meeting on 6 March 1995 concerning the relationship between Co-operative Energy Ltd and the Energy Services Company Pty Ltd.

20. Resolved that Graeme Charles be authorized to make news statements on behalf of Co-operative Energy in consultation with the Secretary and/or another Director when practical.

21. Resolved that when we forward a copy of our Fidelity Guarantee Insurance policy to the Registrar of Co-operatives we report our difficulty in securing coverage.

22. Resolved to approve the expenditures submitted by Bill McPherson: (a) Lunch Board members meeting at Piccol 18 January 1995 \$62 (b) Advances to David Griffiths for petty cash expenses \$300 and (c) Expenses incurred for Frankston meeting 30 January 1995 - advertising banner \$182, printing \$102, folders \$30, clipboards \$19.50, lunch for directors \$15, dinner for directors \$52, petrol \$20 and coffee/teas for those attending \$35 - totaling \$717.50.

NEXT MEETING: 2. 00 p.m. 6 March 1995 with venue to be advised

Chairman:  - 6/3/95